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WERE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE EMBARGO
BECAUSE THEY WERE UNHAPPY WITH THE POLICY OF THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT ON THE GROWING OF POPPIES IN TURKEY AND THE
EXTENT TO WHICH THAT WAS CONTRIBUTING, ALLEGEDLY, TO
THE HEROIN PROBLEM IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. CAN YOU LET US

KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED?

SECRETARY VANCE: I WILL BE HAPPY TO. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS A STRICT LICENSING SYSTEM IN THE PROVINCES WHERE THE OPIUM POPPIES ARE GROWN. THE HARVESTING OF THE POPPIES IS NOW DONE UNDER WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE POPPY STRAW PROCESS AND, IN EFFECT, WHAT THIS DOES IS, IT PRECLUDES THE PRODUCTION OF OPIUM GUM AND, THEREFORE, ELIMINATES THE PROBLEM THAT EXISTED BEFORE IN TERMS OF THIS BEING A SOURCE OF OPIUM. THIS HAS BEEN CLOSELY MONITORED BY THE UN AND BY OURSELVES, AND I THINK WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IS SOMETHING WHICH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT CAN BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF.

GILMAN: WITH REGARD TO THE OPIUM PRODUCTION, I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR YOUR REPORT THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN EROSION OF THAT TURKISH PRODUCTION METHOD WHEREBY THEY WERE CONTROLLING THE PRODUCTION. BUT WE DO HEAR SOME REPORTS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SALES OF LATE FROM TURKEY. DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY INFORMATION?

SECRETARY VANCE: I THINK MAYBE WHAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO IS PRESS REPORTS OF NARCOTIC SMUGGLING INVOLVING TURKISH NATIONALS WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN WEST GERMANY. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE THAT THE NARCOTICS INVOLVED ORIGINATED FROM TURKISH OPIUM. RATHER, THE SOURCE SEEMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GILMAN: ARE WE MONITORING THAT QUITE CLOSELY?

SECRETARY VANCE: THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, YES.

WOLFF: I SHOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE ON WITH THAT POINT OF MR. GILMAN. ALTHOUGH I MUST SAY I OPPOSE LIFTING THE EMBARGO, I MUST CONGRATULATE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON THEIR CONTROL OF THE POPPY DIVERSION INTO ILLICIT CHANNELS. THEY HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB IN THIS, ALTHOUGH WE DIFFER ON CERTAIN POLICIES. I THINK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL I SHOULD MAKE THIS POINT. END TEXT. VANCE

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